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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have A Dream* speech, I feel is a very important speech made by the late Dr. King. I believe in the introduction of his speech, his motive was to show the people what condition they were in. He was showing them, one hundred years later after the abolishment of slavery the Negro is still not free. He was telling the people how equality was unattainable because the economy was under the influence of segregation and discrimination. He was also telling them how the Negro was forced to fail in the society in which he lives, and finds himself an "outsider" to his own home. I feel another reason he made that speech was to enforce the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. He told the people he was speaking to how the note was a promise that all men, black and white, were guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. So he was telling them how they have went back on their promise to writing a bad check, which came back saying "insufficient funds". He later went on to tell the people how now was the time to step up and do something about it, because he knew that everyone didn't want to live in that kind of atmosphere for the rest of their life.

I feel that this speech has been very important for a long time and will still be important for the many years to come, not just to blacks, teachers, and historians, but also to children and people of other races. I feel the speech was given to take the blindfold off their eyes and show them how they were being cheated out of their freedom. The metaphor he used to show the people he was speaking to how serious it is to play with

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someone's freedom, he compared it to playing with one's money. In this day and age people get shot at and killed over not having one's money or not having it on time. I believe that he felt that he was tired of doing things progressively if they could be done right away, and if we were to take it step-by-step we probably still wouldn't be free to this day.

Toward the middle of his speech, he started to elaborate on his need or thirst as he referred to it, for freedom. He told them that he didn't want their neediness to turn into physical violence. He said that they must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. He was also determined to march ahead, but never turn back, as if you were typing without a backspace key. He was also telling the people how they could not be satisfied as long as their bodies were fatigue of travel, and can't rest in motels and hotels of the city. They can't be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. They could never be satisfied as long as their children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "for whites only". They cannot be satisfied as long as one Negro cannot vote in the state of Mississippi and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing to vote for.

This is another reason why I feel that this is an important speech. Toward the middle of the speech he shows endurance and determination to get what is rightfully his and the people of the south. He also showed that satisfaction of the people was very important. For an example if a person is satisfied with his or her life, he or she has nothing to be upset about, or anything to cause havoc about.

The closing of his speech stated a vision of truth. A vision all things would be put to a state of excellence. That everything would be perfect in God's eye. He had a dream

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that everyone, regardless of race, creed, color, or religion would live in harmony and peace. As soon as his dream was to come true, he said that everyone would join hands and sing, “Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last.”